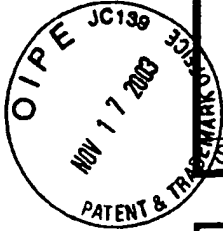


If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Application Number	10/628,574
Filing Date	July 29, 2003
First Named Inventor	BRUNO, Vittorio
Art Unit	3746
Examiner Name	<i>Loebiguet</i>
Attorney Docket Number	2993-487US SC/ip



### NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: **Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

**If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.**

Copied from 10627970 on 02/08/2005

PTO/SB/08A/B 08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1448PTO

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

 Sheet **1** of **2**

## **Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/628,574
Filing Date	July 29, 2003
First Named Inventor	BRUNO, Vittorio
Art Unit	3746
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	2993-487US SC/p

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-3,849,020	Nov. 19, 1974	Eastman	
		US-4,391,092	July 5, 1983	Arnett	
		US-Re. 29,667	June 13, 1978	Harner	
		US-3,848,636	Nov. 19, 1974	McCombs	
		US-4,391,092	July 5, 1983	Arnett	
		US-4,815,285	Mar. 28, 1989	Martin	
		US-5,067,323	Nov. 26, 1991	Bennett et al.	
		US-5,216,877	June 8, 1993	Moore, Jr.	
		US-Re. 30,329	July 8, 1980	Rutshstein et al.	
		US-6,122,905	Sept. 26, 2000	Liu	
		US-6,178,748 B1	Jan. 30, 2001	Oleksiewicz	
		US-4,568,058	Feb. 4, 1986	Shelton	
		US-5,247,872	Sept. 28, 1993	Hoshi	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document Country Code - Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>3</sup>
		EP 0 045 228 A1	02-03-1982	The Bendix Corporation		
		EP 0 350 053 B1	07-07-1989	Montanhydraulik GmbH		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

\*EXAMINER: initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 801.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is

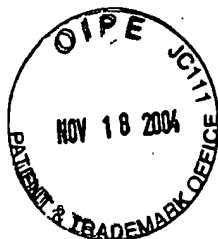
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-1000 (1-800-778-6100) and select extension 6.

PAGE 16/19\* RCVD AT 11/18/2004 2:58:14 PM [Eastern Standard Time]\* SVR:USPTO-EFXXF-2/1\* DNIS:7464060\* CSID:514 286 5474\* DURATION (mm-ss):05-58

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	10/628,674
				Filing Date	July 29, 2003
				First Named Inventor	BRUNO, Vittorio
				Art Unit	3746
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	2993-487US SC/tp

[illegible]

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PAGE 17/19 \* RCVD AT 11/18/2004 2:58:14 PM (Eastern Standard Time) \* SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-21 \* DNS:7464060 \* CSID:514 286 5474 \* DURATION (mm:ss):05:58

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Substitute for form 1449PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

**Complete if Known**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>10/628,574</b>
<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>July 29, 2003</b>
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	<b>BRUNO, Vittorio</b>
<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>3746</b>
<b>Examiner Name</b>	<i>Podriouf</i>
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	<b>2993-487US SC/ip</b>

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature	<i>C. R.</i>	Date Considered	<i>3/4/5</i>
-----------------------	--------------	--------------------	--------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04 <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

*If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.*